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23 April 1959

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Chief, Intelligence Information Staff, OISB  
**THROUGH:** Chief, Administrative Staff, OISB  
**THROUGH:** Chief, Economic Research, OISB  
**THROUGH:** Chief, Industrial Division, OISB  
**FROM:** Chief, Manufacturing Sectors Branch, D/I  
**SUBJECT:** Request for Approval of Consumer Industry Plant Trips

1. It is requested that approval be granted for selected I/MS personnel to make the plant trips listed below.
2. During the past year I/MS has had an increasing number of requests for evaluations of the status of the consumer industries of the Sino-Soviet Bloc. While the responsible analysts have acquired a basic understanding of the major consumer industries, the variety of industrial operations found in these industries is broad and the need for additional training and orientation is apparent. Prior to taking any of the proposed trips, branch analysts will view related industrial films which are being assembled by Graphics Register.

Date	Plant Name	Location	Personnel
15 May 59	Mt. Vernon Mills Inc. (Cotton cloth)	Mercantile Trust Bldg. Baltimore, Maryland	25X1A9a
	Oakla Mills Inc. (Wool cloth)	Oakla, Maryland (Southeast of Baltimore)	[Redacted]
29 May 59	Bata Shoe Co. (Rubber and leather)	Baltimore, Maryland	
	Chester Manufacturing Co. (Hutwear)	1500 N. Chester St. Baltimore, Maryland	
12 June 59	Albemarle Paper Mfr. Co.	Richmond, Virginia	
	Allied Chemical Co. (Dylon 6)	Chesterfield, Virginia (15 miles Southwest of Richmond)	[Redacted]

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19 June 59	E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Co. Inc. (Viscose, Nylon 66)	Ashland, Virginia (Richmond area)	[REDACTED]
3 July 59	Bennett Cabinet Works Inc. (Puritance)	Hagerstown, Maryland	[REDACTED]
	L'Agiles Apparel Inc.	22 W. Mulberry St. Hagerstown, Maryland	

3. It is requested that St/I make the necessary arrangements.

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